

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday October 25th 1998**

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## **Monaghan Rally**

The Annual Monaghan Rally was held on Sunday last and once again was a very well supported event. The traders present included Rich Components from Wales, Southeast Communications, Long Communications, GI Electronics, Sean Martin, Willie Long, Arrow Computers, CCP Computers, IRTS Bookstand, John Badger of Badger Boards, Foyle Communications, Paddy Relihan and a large bring and buy. A feature of the event was the free tea and sandwiches for traders both on arrival and before departure in the evening. Needless to say, this went down well with the traders as did the excellent co-operation from club members with the setting up and taking down of the stands. John Lucas of Sharman Wholesale was the lucky winner of the main raffle prize of a flat bed scanner. The club wishes to thank all who attended especially the traders who made it such an excellent event. Thanks also to all those who sponsored the prizes for the raffle. A special thanks also to Fidelma and Doreen who made up the twelve loaves of sandwiches.

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## **Jamboree on the Air**

The Jamboree On The Air was held last weekend and was well supported by EI stations. Bayside Scouts EI4BST operated from the national scout campsite in Larch Hill and had stations on the air on HF, VHF and Packet. The MIR space station created great interest with the scouts. They also put on a second station which was a first time in JOTA for the 92nd Dublin, St. Anthony's Troop from Clontarf using the callsign EI2CSJ. Declan Ward, the unit treasurer, had a phone line installed for the weekend and they were live both on audio and video on the internet for the duration of the event. South Dublin Radio Club put on a demonstration station on Sunday for the Girls Guides in Ballyroan. Other scout groups heard over the weekend included those in Mt. Mellary, Galway, Tralee, Athlone and Cork. All JOTA participants are reminded to send a report on their activities to Pat EI9EZ at Mt. Mellary Scout Station EI5MRC.

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## **Mayo AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of the Mayo Radio Experimenters Network resulted in the following Officers being elected:- Chairperson John McDonnell EI6IR Secretary John Walsh EI6FHB Treasurer Chris McGinty EI6FAB PRO John Corless EI7IQ. The

Mayo Group meet at the Wishing Well in Ballyvary on the first Wednesday every month and visitors and new members are always very welcome.

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### **PW QRP Contest**

The Practical Wireless QRP 2 metre Contest is held annually during the month of June. A special trophy in the form of a clock, sponsored by Rob G3XFD, is awarded to the leading EI or GI station and this year's winner was Peter Lowrie GI7JYK/P. The leading EI station was Declan Lennon EI9HQ while Pat Keogh and Mike Kiely operating as EI2HV/p were listed as the leading station in IO52 square. Congratulations to them all. Next year's PW QRP contest will take place on Sunday June 20th.

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### **Donegal Rally and Dance**

The Donegal Rally will be held on Sunday next November the 1st in Jackson's Hotel in Ballybofey and any trader who has not yet booked a table should do so as soon as possible by contacting the club secretary Gerry Dykes EI8HO. Gerry's phone number is 072-52598.

The Club's annual Dinner Dance will be held next Saturday night, also in Jackson's in Ballybofey and tickets can be booked with the aforementioned Gerry EI8HO.

Cork Classes Theory and Morse classes will be held by Cork Radio Club over the coming months.

An introductory night will be held on Wednesday night next the 28th and the classes proper will start on the following Wednesday night, November the 4th. The venue will be the clubs premises at Wilton Park House in Bishopstown, Cork City. Further information can be had from Con EI7DJB on 021-270136.

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### **IARABD**

Congratulations to Joseph EI6FEB from Malin Head, County Donegal, Tomas EI6FJB from Castlebar in County Mayo and Darragh EI6FFB from Drogheda in County Louth on their new licences. The three are students of St. Joseph's School for the Blind in Drumcondra and are members of the Blind and Disabled Club EI5HAM.

Another class has now started with seven students studying the theory and it is also

hoped to run Morse classes during the coming Winter.

Further information on the Blind and Disabled club from Joe Dillon EI4FV on 01-8390812.

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